

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A sock, comprising:
 - a foot portion;
 - a leg portion; and
 - a heel portion between the leg portion and the foot portion, the heel portion having a Y-shaped double gore line so that the foot portion is at an angle of substantially 90° to the leg portion.
2. (Currently Amended) The sock according to claim 1, wherein the double gore line includes two gore line portions of substantially equal length that are at an angle to one another.
3. (Original) The sock according to claim 2, wherein the gore line portions meet at an vertex and extend downwardly from the vertex.
4. (Currently Amended) The sock according to claim 3, wherein the double gore line includes a further gore line portion that extends away from the vertex of the two gore line portions toward an upper surface of the sock, the further gore line portion being longer than the two gore line portions.
5. (Original) The sock according to claim 1, wherein the leg portion is tapered from an upper end toward the heel portion.
6. (Original) A sock according to claim 5, wherein the upper end of the leg portion has a first section with a first diameter and a first length, and a mid-section adjacent the upper section, the mid-section having a second diameter and a second length, the first diameter being greater than the second diameter and the first length being shorter than the second length.

7. (Original) The sock according to claim 6, wherein the second diameter decreases from a region adjacent the upper section toward the heel portion.

8. (Currently Amended) A sock, comprising:

a foot portion;

a leg portion; and

a heel portion between the leg portion and the foot portion, the leg portion being tapered from an upper end toward the heel portion, wherein the upper end of the leg portion has a first section with a first diameter and a first length, and a mid-section adjacent the upper section, the mid-section having a second diameter and a second length, the first diameter being greater than the second diameter and the first length being shorter than the second length.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The sock according to claim 9 ~~8~~, wherein the second diameter decreases from a region adjacent the upper section toward the heel portion.